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## Workers 'Pawns', Minister Charges

# 'WANT NO HOFFAS IN B.C.'

*Germany*

## Convoy Still Stalled

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet army Tuesday ignored three strong protests and for the second day held up the passage of an American military truck convoy bound from isolated Berlin to West Germany.

United States authorities here viewed the incident as the most serious pressure on allied lifelines since Moscow launched its campaign last November to get the Western powers out of West Berlin.

**CHECKPOINT STOP**

The four open trucks, loaded with jeeps, and five American soldiers were stopped at the East German autobahn checkpoint at Marienborn, just across from the West German border, Monday afternoon.

The Russians demanded the right to inspect the cargoes.

**RUSSIANS BLOCKED**

Cpl. Richard C. Masiero, in command of the convoy, followed standing U.S. army orders and refused to let the Russians do any more than look at the manifest papers.

He ignored Soviet suggestions that he could drive the trucks back to West Berlin along the 110-mile autobahn, the only road link between West Germany and this city's Western garrisons.

**STUCK IT OUT**

Masiero and his men, muffled in blankets, slept in their trucks for the second cold night, determined to stick it out.

American authorities here said the whole thing had been started by the Russians to create an incident — possibly timed with State Secretary Dulles' talks in London, Paris and Bonn to hammer out a unified Western Policy on Berlin and Germany.

## 124 Passengers Take Sickening Plunge

A Pan American World Airways jet with 124 passengers, including dancer Gene Kelly aboard, plunged sickeningly from 35,000 to 6,000 feet over Gander, Nfld., last night. The Boeing 707 was landed under manual control by pilot Waldo Lynch after the near six-mile dive without harm to passengers. Breakdown of an automatic pilot was blamed for the plunge. An alert was also sounded at Los Angeles international airport when an American Airlines 707 jet carrying 112 was reported in trouble, but the plane landed without incident.

## Bomber Crew Killed

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (UPI)—A B-47 Stratojet bomber crashed into a swampy, wooded area about 25 miles northeast of here Tuesday killing three crewmen aboard.

## Crash Toll 60 Only Ten Live

**BULLETIN**

**NEW YORK — An early-morning report set the death toll at 58 to 60 persons.**

NEW YORK (AP)—An American Airlines plane crashed in fog in the East River in New York City just before midnight, killing at least 25 of the 72 persons aboard.

Ten survivors were found by 12.30 a.m. PST.

Police Inspector Edward Stanley said he doubted there would be more than 12 or 14 survivors.

The Coast Guard said it was picking up bodies everywhere.

**LOCKHEED ELECTRA**

The plane, a Lockheed Electra, left Chicago at 6 p.m. PST as flight 320 and was due at La Guardia in New York City two hours later.

American Airlines said the plane crashed at 8.54 PST.

It plunged into the rain-spattered river about a mile north of the airport and a mile east of Rikers Island.

The island was the scene of another major air disaster almost two years ago. Twenty persons were killed Feb. 1, 1957. The island is the site of a prison.

**POOR VISIBILITY**

A light rain was falling, and visibility was obstructed by fog Tuesday night.

The four-engined plane made at least one approach to the airport before diving into the water.

Soon after the four-engined Lockheed Electra, in civilian service about two months, slammed into the river, a commercial tug picked up eight or nine survivors. They were taken to waiting ambulances on the Queens shore.

Police switchboards were jammed with calls from Bronx residents reporting cries for help coming from the river.

Noting a heavy mist clinging to the river, a sailor in the Bronx said: "You can't see 20 feet without a powerful searchlight."

**Moscow Soon?**

Opinion is growing Britain's Prime Minister Macmillan will visit Moscow for talks with Premier Khrushchev, but not before consultation with U.S. State Secretary Dulles this week on West views of Soviet proposals for Germany.

*Emergency*

## 'Flu Cases Fill London Hospitals

LONDON (Reuters) — Hospitals were told Tuesday to admit only emergency cases because of the pressure of patients suffering from pneumonia, influenza and bronchitis.

A spokesman for the city's emergency bed service said:

"There are always a lot of chest and 'flu cases at this time of the year and we don't blame the rise on last week's fog. The cold weather is having a bad effect on older people."

## No Hours Cut For Printers

LONDON (Reuters) — A claim for a 40-hour week and higher wages by the 200,000 workers in Britain's printing industry was rejected Tuesday as impracticable by employers concerned over growing competition.

## At Least 90 Like Ensign

TORONTO (UPI)—Some 90 persons in Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Nova Scotia have expressed approval of Premier Leslie Frost's decision to fly the Red Ensign at the Ontario parliament buildings here.

*Two Aldermen Protest*

## Vancouver Bylaw Shuts Out Public

VANCOUVER (CP) — City council yesterday formally passed by 8-2 vote a bylaw prohibiting the presence of the public at weekly meetings of the Vancouver board of administration.

However, the bylaw permits admission of the public in cases where tenders are opened or where delegations wish to be heard.

Mayor Tom Alsbury, beginning his first term of office, last week closed board meetings to the public, including the press. He accused Vancouver's two daily newspapers, who criticized the move, of printing a "lot of double talk and half truths."

Aldermen Frank Baker and Evelyn Caldwell tried without success to have the bylaw deferred until the Central Council of Ratepayers Association has had the chance to appear before council.

The ratepayers' group had asked for the privilege of appearing before council.

After voting on the bylaw council agreed the group could present their case at the earliest opportunity.

"I am shocked to think that we would pass this bylaw which formally authorizes the closure of the meetings and then invite the ratepayers to appear," said Ald. Baker.

## Sunday Trucks Banned?

CALGARY (CP) — The Supreme Court of Alberta Tuesday reserved its decision on whether interprovincial trucking companies which operate on Sunday are subject to the Lord's Day Act.

The action arose last year when two Pacific Inland Express Limited trucks, travelling from Winnipeg to Vancouver were stopped in Medicine Hat on a Sunday and charged with doing business on the Sabbath.

A Medicine Hat magistrate found the truckers guilty and fined them $100 and costs.

The defence argued before the Supreme Court that interprovincial carriers fall into the same category as ships or trains which are exempted from the act. The act was passed in 1906 before the days of large highway transports.

The Crown claimed interprovincial trucks are not exempt until the act has been amended by Parliament.

## Daylight Saving April 26—Sept. 26

**Daylight saving time hours in British Columbia this year will be from April 26 to Sept. 26, The Daily Colonist learned last night. The provincial cabinet is expected to announce the dates this week. There will be no extra month of daylight saving time as predicted earlier.**

## Natives in Tents at 20 Below While Millions Spent Abroad

CHATHAM, Ont. (CP) — Rev. George Tunks, just back from a 4,000-mile mission in Northern Ontario and Manitoba, says Indians and Eskimos are being neglected while millions are spent on helping people in other countries.

Pastor of the Evangel Tabernacle here, he said Tuesday he was shocked at the conditions of native families living in tents with the temperature at 20 degrees below zero.

"Spiritually they receive some help from missions, but there is a tremendous social and economic need. Their living conditions in some cases are deplorable."

## Labor, CCF Heads Lashed by Gaglardi

Highways Minister Gaglardi, a senior member of the Social Credit government, lashed out at labor leaders and the CCF yesterday, charging the CCF with using labor as a "pawn."

"I do not believe labor is getting a fair shake from its leaders," Mr. Gaglardi told the legislature.

**POLITICAL FOOTBALL**

"These labor leaders . . . men with political ambitions . . . are using labor as a political football . . . they are using labor as a stepping stone," he said.

"We don't want any Hoffas in this province. We can do without them. There is no room in B.C. for gangsterism in labor."

**TEAMSTERS' BOSS**

The reference was to James Hoffa, leader of the powerful Teamster's Union in the United States.

He charged the CCF with using the labor situation as a political football and defended his government's treatment of labor.

"The CCF is capable and astute at being able to make capital out of labor problems," he said.

**ALWAYS FIGHTS**

"This government always fights on the side of labor. We will fight for any good cause in Canada."

Mr. Gaglardi quoted the Colonist and said reports said the labor delegates who marched on the Legislative Buildings Monday said "their demands were rejected."

"We didn't reject anybody," he said.

**ALWAYS HAPPY**

"I am always happy to see anybody who represents labor . . . We (Socreds) represent all groups. They asked for a moratorium on debt and the cabinet said no."

Mr. Gaglardi claimed a moratorium on debt "would be diabolically opposed to labor. If there were a debt moratorium and they went to buy a washing machine they would be told they had no credit," he said.

**CREATE CHAOS**

"Labor leaders themselves, know it would create chaos and hurt more people than it would help. They asked for something like that so they could go back and say they had been refused."

He said the government was spending something like $25,000,000 on projects to create employment.

**WAIT TWO WEEKS**

He said the labor delegates didn't go near the House labor committee because they said it would take two weeks to prepare a brief. "How can they consider the problem so emergent if they wait two weeks to prepare a brief?" he asked.

He said it was time labor got some leadership.

"The labor delegates said they had a lecture on Social Credit. They got a statement of facts from the premier," he said.

**ALL-WEATHER ROAD**

The highways minister suggested the Canadian federal government and the U.S. federal government should jointly build an all-weather road through B.C. connecting Washington State with Alaska, the new 49th state.

"When finished they should turn it over to the B.C. government. We are ready to cooperate and help them out," he said.

**SPEED LAWS**

He called for a study to be made of speed laws in other Canadian provinces and American states.

Regarding the Saanich peninsula-mainland ferry terminals, he said the government has not yet decided whether the mainland terminal should be at White Rock, Point Roberts or Tswassen Beach.

"If we (Socreds) stay here another 50 years a tunnel is a possibility," he said.

*Legislature Warned*

## Labor's Power Uncontrolled?

Oak Bay Liberal Archie Gibbs warned the legislature yesterday that it might be too late to control the enormous power which labor has gathered for itself.

He said the ferry strikes last summer "gave the people a new concept of the power which can be wielded by a small number of men. People are beginning to question that right to so much power," he added.

**POWER OF UNIONS**

Mr. Gibbs said the power of unions had enabled them to "pressure" wage agreements which, he felt, had been injurious to the nation's economy.

"That," he said, "was never intended by the electorate when it voted for labor legislation."

Mr. Gibbs said he did not favor compulsory arbitration if there is any other way and suggested establishment of a labor-management economic council, similar to the advisory council suggested by Labor Minister Lyle Wicks last week.

**DECLARED WAR**

Mr. Gibbs declared war on drug traffickers. "Let's get rid of this narcotic business once and for all. Impose life sentences on these people who commit these perfect murders," he said after explaining that when an addict is freed from Oakalla, he or she is usually met by a taxi and a man who has drugs.

He asked for clinical care for advanced cases and more after-care service.

**PAY 50 PER CENT**

He said the federal government should contribute to the maintenance of the Trans-Canada Highway and that it should pay 50 per cent of the cost of the Saanich-Peninsula-mainland ferries, but was told by the premier the federal government wouldn't even pay for the ferry wharves.

Mr. Gibbs supported Victoria Liberal George Gregory in his demand for a B.C. Hydro Commission to handle all power generation in the province, with municipalities or corporations arranging for distribution of power, taken at the site from hydro commission sources.

## Alaska's Egan Getting Better

SEATTLE (AP)—Condition of Alaska's Governor William Egan is no longer serious, his doctors reported Tuesday, two weeks after Egan underwent an emergency abdominal operation.

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## Bank Official Top 'Fence'

TORONTO (UPI) — Attorney-General Kelso Roberts charged yesterday that a South American bank president was one of the top men in an international syndicate that has specialized in marketing securities stolen in several multi-million-dollar burglaries in Canada.

Roberts did not name the bank president, but said information on the syndicate was being distributed to police throughout the world. Securities have turned up in the U.S., South America and Switzerland, and six persons have been arrested in the U.S. in connection with the thefts.

*For 'Cuban RCMP'*

## Castro May Import Mountie Teachers

HAVANA (AP)—Rebel chief Fidel Castro was quoted Tuesday as saying he will ask Canada to send 10 RCMP instructors to help organize a similar police force in Cuba.

The newspaper El Pais said Castro made the statement during his visit Monday to Estrada Palma.

Castro said he intends to take the matter up with the Canadian Embassy as soon as he returns to Havana, the newspaper said.